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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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ISSUANCE OF RATION CARDS IN CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of households having ration cards in Union Territory of Chandigarh;

(b) the number of families out of the above identified as below poverty line;

(c) the total number of households below poverty line in Union Territory of Chandigarh;

(d) conditions insisted upon by the Union Territory Administration for issuing Antodaya Anna Yojana Card;

(e) whether the filing of an affidavit that the applicant did not ever have a ration card earlier is not considered adequate by the Administration for issuance of a new card;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether this practice denies the benefit to a large number of otherwise eligible persons; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): There are 2,28,152 households having ration cards in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

(b) & (c): Out of the above, 2,28,152 households, 12024 Below Poverty Line cards were issued in Chandigarh. However, due to migration of the seasonal labour presently 6673 households are being provided ration under BPL.

(d): The following conditions are being adopted by the UT Administration for issuing of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) Card:

(i) There is a condition of upper income limit of Rs.250/- per capita per month.

(ii) The applicant should not be in possession of scooter/refrigerator or colored television.

(e): Filing of an affidavit is not considered sufficient for issue of new ration card.

(f): In order to avoid duplicity in the issuance of ration cards , only surrender/deletion certificate is accepted and not the Affidavit.

(g) & (h): The possibility of eligible and genuine person being left out is negligible since by and large the desired deletion/surrender certificate is submitted by the applicant subsequently.